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Hi Sally and Peter, surname is recommended for DTS# 1397, NOI for the Supplement to the DRMP for the Southern Nevada District (Las Vegas and Pahrump) and the Gold Butte National Monument.

Feedback provided in the notice documents includes:

1. The communication plan has been updated to include reference to the 2012 6220 manual rather than the 2010 IM, with a comment that this approach (combining plans with separate RODs) is specifically identified as a planning option in BLM Manual 6220.
2. For the notice briefing paper, a punctuation error was corrected and a comment was made asking for the briefing paper to identify the units of the National Conservation Lands that are in the planning area.
3. Correction was made to a M6220 reference in the briefing memo.
4. Made a comment in the briefing memo to please identify the public scoping and overall engagement process that will focus on parties interested in GBNM.
5. Made a comment in the briefing memo asking if prominent issues have been identified for the GBNM and if they should be listed.

The updated communication plan, briefing memo, and notice briefing paper have been uploaded into DTS and are attached with the other notice documents. The WO410 BP on the supplement has also been shared with you. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

[Southern NV supplement to DRMP\\_Gold Butte\\_WO410...](#)

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On Fri, Apr 14, 2017 at 12:27 PM, Nelson, Britta <[bknelson@blm.gov](mailto:bknelson@blm.gov)> wrote:

National Conservation Lands, your review is requested of DTS# 1397, NOI for the Supplement to the DRMP for the Southern Nevada District (Las Vegas and Pahrump) and the Gold Butte National Monument. Please provide feedback in the notice documents in google drive (using the "suggestions" mode) by April 19. In addition to the notice documents, the WO410 briefing papers for the combining of the plans and for the WO410 DRMP review from 2014 have been shared with you.

I reviewed and provided some feedback on the notice documents:

1. The communication plan has been updated to include reference to the 2012 6220 manual rather than the 2010 IM, with a comment that this approach (combining plans with separate RODs) is specifically identified as a planning option in BLM Manual 6220.
2. The NOA discusses hierarchical mitigation strategies so I made a comment asking if the revocation of Secretarial Order 3330, Improving Mitigation Policies and Practices of the Department of the Interior, affects this.
3. For the notice briefing paper, a punctuation error was corrected and a comment was made asking for the briefing paper to identify the units of the National Conservation Lands that are in the planning area.
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6. Made a comment in the briefing memo asking if prominent issues have been identified for the GBNM and if they should be listed.

As a reminder, as agreed at the March 22 meeting with Nevada and WO210:

- A revised Briefing Statement for the Federal Register NOI package will be sent to the WO and will include a specific section highlighting the public scoping and overall engagement process with a focus on parties interested in GBNM and will note the WO410/WO210/Nevada meeting held to discuss the planning approach.
- Completion of the District-wide RMP will incorporate GBNM issues within the Special Designationssection of the RMP.
- GBNM will have a separate Record of Decision.
- Additional field work for lands with wilderness characteristics will occur in the Gold Butte area.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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From: <[DTS@fws.gov](mailto:DTS@fws.gov)>  
Date: Wed, Apr 12, 2017 at 2:15 PM  
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Please log in to the Data Tracking System at the following URL Address:  
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Document Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplement to the Draft RMP for the Southern Nevada District Planning Area, comprising the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices and Gold Butte NM

Synopsis: A commitment for Fed Reg NoI publication on 19th January originated from Janice Schneider, Asst. Secretary ASLM

Action Required: 3-Surname

Assigned By Office: WO-200 User: Steve Tryon

\*\*Thank you\*\*.

## **Communication Plan**

Southern Nevada District, Supplement to the Draft Resource Management Plan  
and Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
**Southern Nevada District Office including Gold Butte National Monument**

### **Introduction:**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Southern Nevada District Office, is preparing a Supplement to the Draft RMP/EIS that would replace the existing 1998 Las Vegas Field Office RMP.

The scope of the Supplement to the Draft RMP/EIS is limited to solar energy zones and solar development, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs), lands with wilderness characteristics, land tenure adjustments (i.e., land disposals), and socio economics within the geographic area covered by Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices, and, for the geographic area of Gold Butte National Monument, a broad range of planning issues relating to the Presidential Proclamation. The planning area is located in Clark and Nye Counties, Nevada, and encompasses approximately 3.0 million acres of public land. The Planning Area does not include: private lands, State lands, Indian reservations, Federal lands not administered by the BLM, Nellis Test and Training Range (U.S. Air Force), or lands addressed in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area RMP (2005) and the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area RMP (2006).

The purpose of the supplemental public scoping process is to incorporate substantive comments received since the initial Draft RMP/EIS was made available in 2014 for public and cooperating agency review, and to incorporate new information, field data, and changing circumstances, such as recent Federal land transfers, designation of Gold Butte National Monument, and the BLM Final Solar and Wind Rule (November 10, 2016). Comments already received on the initial Draft RMP/EIS will continue to be considered for the Supplement to the Draft RMP/EIS.

### **Key Messages:**

Comments collected during the public scoping process in 2010, during which seven open houses were held to provide information and solicit public comments, were instrumental in determining the issues to be addressed. Below are the key issues that the Supplement to the Draft RMP/ Draft EIS will address:

- **Solar energy zones and solar development:** address concerns with identifying new Solar Energy Zones. Public workshops/meetings to address these issues are anticipated by BLM to be held in early 2017 as focused discussions during the scoping meetings.
- **Gold Butte National Monument:** the Monument was designated by Presidential Proclamation on December 28, 2016. The Proclamation indicates that a management plan will be prepared by BLM and it specifies certain management actions or options that will or will not apply to the Monument. BLM policy established in 2012 expressly allows the option for a National Monument management plan to be incorporated as a subset of a management plan under preparation for the surrounding BLM lands, which in this case is the ongoing RMP for Southern Nevada District. As directed in the proclamation, the

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planning process will provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited to, consultation with State, tribal, and local governments.

- **Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC):** analyze nominations, drop or adjust existing designations, and clarify management, including focused considerations for the portion of the “Gold Butte A” ACEC that remains outside the northern boundary of Gold Butte National Monument.
- **Lands and Realty:** reconsideration of land disposals.
- **Lands with Wilderness Characteristics:** determine areas that should be managed to maintain their wilderness characteristics based on the updated BLM inventory that was conducted to identify areas meeting wilderness characteristics and those areas that do not.

**Interested Stakeholder and Public Groups:**

Local Governments:

City of Henderson  
City of Las Vegas  
City of Mesquite  
City of North Las Vegas  
Boulder City  
Town of Laughlin  
Town of Searchlight  
Moapa Valley Town Board  
Bunkerville Town Board  
Clark County  
Nye County  
Virgin River Water District

State Agencies:

Nevada Department of Wildlife  
Nevada Division of State Lands  
Nevada Governor's Office of Energy  
Nevada State Historic Preservation Office

Federal Agencies:

National Park Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Forest Service  
Department of Defense  
Department of Energy  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Environmental Protection Agency

Tribal Governments:

Cedar Band, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah  
Kaibab Paiute Tribe  
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe  
Kanosh Band, Paiute Indian Tribes of Utah  
Colorado River Indian Tribes  
Las Vegas Paiute Tribe  
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe  
Moapa Band of Paiutes

Hualapai Tribal Council  
Pahrump Paiute Tribe (not a federally recognized tribe)  
Indian Peaks Band, Piute Indian Tribes of Utah  
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe  
Inter Tribal Council of Nevada

Other:

Mojave Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council  
Center for Biologic Diversity  
Wilderness Society  
Friends of Gold Butte  
Partners In Conservation  
Outside Las Vegas Foundation  
Friends of Nevada Wilderness  
Defenders of Wildlife

**Outreach Strategy:**

Public outreach strategies will include standard and required methods, such as distribution of news releases and website posting. The BLM will perform outreach with the following groups:

- Cooperating agencies
- Mojave Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
- Nevada Congressional delegation
- Native American Tribes, bands and individuals
- Local media
- General public

**One Week Prior to Publication of the Notice:**

- Interested stakeholders will be sent postcards notifying them of the public comment period and will be invited to provide comments as well as attend public hearings.

**Date of Publication of the Notice in the Federal Register:**

- Distribute news release to statewide media and Nevada Congressional delegation announcing the publication of the NOA.
- Post the pdf file of the Draft RMP/EIS, the Federal Register notice and news release on the BLM Southern Nevada District Web page

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplement to the Draft Resource Management Plan  
and Associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Nevada  
District Planning Area, comprising the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices and  
Gold Butte National Monument**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southern Nevada District Office intends to prepare a Supplement to the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and an associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Southern Nevada District Planning Area, which encompasses the Las Vegas Field Office, the Pahrump Field Office, and the Gold Butte National Monument, and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the supplemental scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues specific to solar energy zones and solar development, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs), lands with wilderness characteristics, land tenure adjustments (i.e., land disposals), and socio-economics. By this notice the BLM also is soliciting public comments on issues specific to Gold Butte National Monument, which was designated by Presidential Proclamation on December 28, 2016. The BLM is

preparing this Supplement to the Draft RMP/EIS—initially made available for public comment on October 10, 2014—to address the specific issues listed above. Once completed, this RMP revision will replace the existing 1998 Las Vegas RMP.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the Supplemental Draft RMP and associated Supplemental Draft EIS. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until [INSERT DATE 60+ DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM website at: <http://tinyurl.com/qzvaht7>. In order to be included in the Supplemental Draft RMP/EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 60-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Supplemental Draft RMP/EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the specific issues and planning criteria related to the Southern Nevada District Planning Area Supplemental Draft RMP/EIS by any of the following methods:

- Website: <http://tinyurl.com/qzvaht7>
- Email: [sndo\\_rmp\\_revision@blm.gov](mailto:sndo_rmp_revision@blm.gov)
- Fax: 702-515-5023
- Mail: BLM-RMP Revision, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas NV 89130

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Southern Nevada District Office, Las Vegas, NV.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lee Kirk, RMP Team Lead, telephone 702-501-5026; address BLM-RMP Revision, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130; email [sndo\\_rmp\\_revision@blm.gov](mailto:sndo_rmp_revision@blm.gov). Contact Mr. Lee Kirk to add your name to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM Southern Nevada District Office intends to prepare a Supplemental Draft RMP with an associated Supplemental Draft EIS for the Southern Nevada District Planning Area, which encompasses the Las Vegas Field Office, the Pahrump Field Office, and the Gold Butte National Monument. This notice announces the beginning of the supplemental scoping process by which the BLM requests public input on solar energy zones and solar development, ACECs, lands with wilderness characteristics, land tenure adjustments (i.e., land disposals), and socio-economics. Additionally, this supplemental scoping process will gather input on planning issues relating to implementing the Presidential Proclamation designating the Gold Butte National Monument. The planning area is located in Clark and Nye Counties, Nevada, and encompasses approximately 3.0 million acres of public land. The Planning Area does not include: private lands, State lands, Indian reservations, Federal lands not administered by the BLM, Nellis Test and Training Range (U.S. Air Force), or lands addressed in the Red Rock Canyon National

Conservation Area RMP (2005) and the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area RMP (2006).

The purpose of the supplemental public scoping process is to incorporate substantive comments received since the initial Draft RMP/EIS was made available in 2014 for public and cooperating agency review, and to incorporate new information, field data, and changing circumstances, such as recent Federal land transfers, designation of the Gold Butte National Monument, and the BLM final rule on competitive processes, terms, and conditions for leasing public lands for solar and wind energy development (81 FR 92122, December 19, 2016). Comments previously received on the initial Draft RMP/EIS will continue to be considered for the Supplemental Draft RMP/EIS. Relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process include the specific planning issues indicated above, as have been identified by BLM personnel; the Presidential Proclamation; Federal, State, and local agencies; Tribes; and other stakeholders. The BLM will also consider identifying opportunities to apply hierarchical mitigation strategies for regional and compensatory mitigation and identify areas appropriate to apply landscape-level conservation and management actions to achieve regional mitigation objectives (e.g. ACECs, priority habitat, etc.).

Preliminary planning criteria include, but are not limited to, those in the initial Draft RMP/EIS (made available October 10, 2014) and the Presidential Proclamation designating Gold Butte National Monument (December 28, 2016), in addition to: cultural resources, tribal values, vegetation resources, wild horse and burros, social and economic values, climate change, special areas (e.g., Gold Butte National Monument and ACECs),

visual resources, lands and realty, outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, minerals, paleontological resources, research, wildland fire, and military uses. Preliminary planning criteria will conform to 43 CFR 1610.4-2.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the “ADDRESSES” section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 60-day scoping period or within 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the Supplemental Draft RMP/EIS, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the RMP/EIS;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this RMP/EIS.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the Supplemental Draft RMP/EIS as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the Supplemental Draft RMP/EIS. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the Supplemental Draft RMP/EIS in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning and NEPA process: renewable energy, wilderness, socioeconomic, rangeland management, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrogeology, soils, law enforcement, fire management planning.

AUTHORITY: 40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2,

John F. Ruhs  
State Director, Nevada

Briefing Paper

1. State Office

Nevada

2. What is the title of this notice?

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplement to the Draft Resource Management Plan and Associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Nevada District Planning Area, comprising the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices and Gold Butte National Monument

3. What are the key issues raised by the underlying decision documents for this notice?

Solar energy zones and solar development, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs), lands with wilderness characteristics, land tenure adjustments (i.e., land disposals), and socio economics. Issues specific to Gold Butte National Monument, designated by Presidential Proclamation on December 28, 2016.

4. Who are the primary users affected by or parties interested in the underlying decisions or actions? What are their concerns?

Environmental Groups resource concerns  
Solar Industry solar energy development potential  
Recreation limitation/expansion of recreation opportunities  
Local Governments socioeconomic impacts, land allocations  
State Agencies socioeconomic impacts, land allocations  
Tribal Governments tribal and tribal resource impacts  
Water Districts water use issues

5. Is tribal consultation appropriate under E.O. 13175 or other authorities? Will the proposed action potentially impact tribes or tribal lands, or generate their interest? If so, what consultation or other communication/outreach are you planning?

Yes. The proposed actions on the RMP should not directly affect tribes or tribal lands. Tribal Consultation letters should be sent to the following Tribes:

Cedar Band, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah  
Kaibab Paiute Tribe  
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe  
Kanosh Band, Paiute Indian Tribes of Utah  
Colorado River Indian Tribes  
Las Vegas Paiute Tribe  
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe  
Moapa Band of Paiutes

Hualapai Tribal Council  
\*Pahrump Paiute Tribe  
Indian Peaks Band, Piute Indian Tribes of Utah  
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe  
Inter Tribal Council of Nevada

\*Not a federally recognized tribe

6. Will this notice be controversial?

Yes. Environmental groups and the solar industry have expressed concern over the identification of new Solar Energy Zones. The two County governments have expressed concern that the reduction in areas for disposal would limit future urban development opportunities. Depending on the stakeholder perspective, designation of ACECs may allow for additional protection of natural resources (mainly sensitive species or cultural sites) or be considered a hindrance to energy development, recreation, rights of ways, and/or lands for disposal. The designation of Gold Butte National Monument is also controversial.

7. What will the underlying decision or action change? (Summarize changes to policy, management practices, allowable uses, differences between draft and final, etc.)

This action is only to announce the intent to prepare a supplement to the Draft RMP/EIS and announce the initiation of the public scoping process.

8. Will this notice need communications materials, e.g., a press release, communication plan? If so, enclose these materials with the notice package submitted.

Yes. Communication materials are included.

9. What are the reasons for the timing of the notice and the consequence, if any, of delaying or canceling the release?

Canceling the notice would prevent the Supplemental RMP/EIS project from proceeding forward.

10. How has this been analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?

This action is to initiate the scoping process for an EIS.

11. Is there any additional pertinent, descriptive information that reviewers need to know or would increase understanding?

Throughout the planning area some lands designated for special use by BLM have been proposed to Congress for disposal.

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12. List the names and positions of the people who have prepared, reviewed, and approved the notice and the underlying decisions and documents.

**Southern Nevada District**

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John Ruhs, State Director

13. Authorizing signature of State Office or Center Budget Officer, or Washington Office Resource Advisor certifying that the cost code on the Federal Register notice is accurate and valid.

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(signature)

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(print name and date)

**Briefing Paper**  
**Departmental Clearance**

Title of Document: **Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplement to the Draft Resource Management Plan and Associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Nevada District Planning Area, comprising the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices and Gold Butte National Monument**

RIN, if applicable: [Click here to enter a RIN, if applicable.](#)

Popular Short Name, if applicable: Southern Nevada Supplemental RMP

Summary (Clearly and very briefly explain what the document does and, if applicable, where the subject of the document is located):

The Notice of Intent (NoI) for Federal Register publication is the method to launch the Supplemental RMP and its EIS, and invite public comment, thereby re-initiating the planning process after an internal review during the past few months. After scoping and further coordination with Cooperating Agencies and other stakeholders, a Supplemental Draft RMP/EIS would be published for public comment, followed by a PRMP/FEIS, and eventually two separate Records of Decision (tentative schedule in the Briefing Memo).

Is timing critical?  Yes  No

If yes, date the document must publish or other action must occur: 4/14/2017

What is driving the timing? Scheduled Event

What happens if the deadline is missed?

The timing or date is intended to advance this planning process in a timely manner to serve the public so the Resource Management Plan can be continued with new scoping based on recently emerging issues.

Background: *[Briefly provide any background information, in understandable language, that will help a reader quickly understand what the document is trying to do and why, along with additional information that is useful. Assume the reader knows little about the subject matter. Minimize use of acronyms or abbreviations and do not use them at all unless they are clearly defined. Is the document a high-profile, litigated matter?]*

As indicated in the Notice of Intent, the scope of the Supplemental Draft Resource Management Plan (and its associated Environmental Impact Statement) is limited the specific issues of solar energy zones and solar development, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, lands with wilderness characteristics, land tenure adjustments (i.e., land disposals), and socio-economics within the Southern Nevada District planning area (maps in the Briefing Memo). For the geographic area of Gold Butte National Monument (296,937 acres), the scope will consider a broad range of planning issues and criteria, such as recreational access, permitting, and resource protection, as consistent with the designating Proclamation (December 2016) and not addressed in the initial plan.

The purpose of the supplemental planning process is to incorporate substantive comments received since the initial Draft plan was made available in October 2014, and to incorporate new information, field data, and changing circumstances, such as recent Federal land transfers, designation of Gold Butte National Monument, and the BLM Final Solar and Wind Rule (November 2016). Comments already received will continue to be considered for the Supplemental Draft plan.

Issues: *[Controversial? What are the significant issues, who will care, and how strongly will they care?]*

The Las Vegas metro area (population 2.3 million) is situated in the center of the planning area, accentuating the intensive, strong public interest in BLM activities and management there. Positions of interested parties are described in the Briefing Memo.

Communications:

BLM will produce standard news releases highlighting the content of the Notice of Intent. Public outreach strategies will include standard and required methods, such as distribution of news releases and website posting, and 4 or 5 public meetings throughout the southern Nevada region, as part of the formal scoping process. The BLM will perform outreach with the following groups: Cooperating agencies, Mojave Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Nevada Congressional delegation, Native American Tribes and individual members, Local media, and General public.

Is there an information collection associated with this document?  Yes  No

If yes, does it have a currently approved OMB Control Number?  Yes  No

OMB Control Number(s): [Click here to enter OMB Control Number.](#)

Does the document require a  new OMB Control Number or  a renewal of an existing approval?

If a new number or renewal is required, what is the current status? [Click here to explain status.](#)

If a regulatory action, has it been on a 90-Day List for the current stage?  Yes  No

If yes, on which 90-Day List did it first appear at the current stage?

[Click here to enter response.](#)

Did OIRA provide comments or change the significance?  Yes  No

If yes, summarize comments and resolution.

[Click here to summarize OIRA comments and DOI response.](#)

This approval is to go to  the Federal Register for publication.  OIRA for review.

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